

LEZONGAR STRONGHOLD

SCENARIO ASL TAC9 Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



VICTORY CONDITIONS: Americans/FFI win if they control both Pillboxes at the end of the scenario.

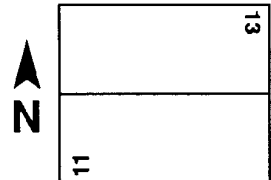
AUDIERNE, FRANCE, September 20, 1944:

After the surrender of the Brest fortress on September 18, 1944, General Hodge's army corps finished their push through Brittany by eliminating the last pockets of German resistance. To the west of Quimper, in Finistère, the Lezongar stronghold (*Stützpunkt*), close to the locality of Audierne, gathered the running garrison of the area. Since August 5, nearly 300 men, less than half in combat units, were encircled by the FFI under Lieutenant-Colonel Plouhinec. On the 26th they pushed back a large attempt at a German breakout after a hard fight, and wanted to finish them off. Task Force A, under the command of General Earnest, bolstered the encirclement on September 18. Plouhinec and Earnest coordinated their attack, with the partisans accompanying the tanks. There was no chance the Germans would surrender to the "Terroristen" and, even if facing the Americans, the will to fight in the autumn of '44 was still strong in the Atlantic pockets. However, prior to the attack, an intense period of propaganda by loudspeakers carried out by a *Psychological Warfare* team would sap the German morale.

BALANCE:

☉ Replace a British LMG with a MMG

✚ Restore the German ELR to 3



✚ GERMAN sets up first [117]





















☆ ☉ AMERICAN/FFI moves first [130]

☆	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	END
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Elements of the 898th Infantry Regiment (343rd Infantry Division) reinforced by the garrisons of the ile de Sein and the radar base of Point du Raz [ELR:2]
set up on board 11 and in hexes numbered 3 on board 13 {SAN:4}:








 4-6-7	 4-4-7	 4-3-6	 5-1	 8-0	 7-0	 5-12	 5-12	 3-8	 50-12-13	 12-4
3	7	6		2				3		
 75L	 2-2-8	 2+5+7	 1+3+5	 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Ochr: +2	 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Ochr: +2	 MTR/RUPh: dr = MF CC: +1/-1	 TCA BU	 Minefield H		
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


Units of 159th Engineer Battalion [ELR:5]

set up on board 13 north of the river and in hexes numbered 5 {SAN:2}:

 7-4-7	 5-1	 8-0	 30-1	 24-1
5			2	

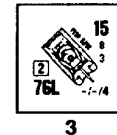
The FFI (8th Quimper Company and other Breton Companies) [ELR:5]

enter on turn 1 along the north edge of board 13:

 3-3-7	 5-1	 8-0	 7-0	 2-7	 51 [2-11]	 8
10		2		3		

Elements of the 6th Tank Destroyer Group

enter on turn 1 along the north edge of board 13:



Scenario Design: Théophile Monnier '91

SSR:

- EC are moderate with a Mild Breeze blowing from the south.
- The Armored Cupola represents the turret of a Somua. Its characteristics are as follows: 47L (ROF 1, Black to hit), CMG 2FP, penalized by RST, AF:6. It is not regarded as a dug-in tank.
- The partisans OBA consists of 100 mm (5B/2R chits, accuracy dr * 1) without possibility of Harassing Fire (C1.72) or SMOKE.
- The partisans cannot make multi-hex Fire Groups and may not deploy [EXC: A20.5]. Their SWare British and have no captured equipment penalties. For the Leaders, see A25.241. The FFI utilize the American SWas captured. The Americans utilize the English SWas captured.
- The Trench must be placed adjacent to the Pillbox 2+5+7, which is thus regarded as a bunker (B30.8). The Pillbox cannot set up HIPor concealed.

AFTERMATH: The attack benefitted from the support of the battery under Captain Espem, comprised of captured pieces (including one 105mm from 1913 crewed by Géorgiens deserters) which bombarded the position for several days with the support of the Americans. The FFI approached the German positions under heavy fire. Breaches in the barbed wire opened by American engineers and tanks allowed a closer attack. Soon, isolated and encircled, the Germans surrendered in small groups, despite an often stubborn resistance. The FFI were determined and could be considered as the assault victors. But, after two hours of combat, the Americans, not very grateful, took control of the German prisoners and interdicted access to the coastal batteries to the Briton partisans. In spite of this incident, the *Stützpunkt* fell. The Douamenez peninsula and all of Finistère were liberated and cleared of the enemy.